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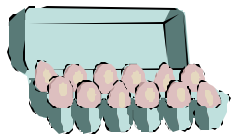
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were mostly higher to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. The market tone was firm. Retail demand was usually moderate to good, with better movement centering around promotional activity. Significant levels of product continued to be drawn through export channels. Supplies of all sizes were usually close to tight. Breaking stock supplies were mixed, but often held with confidence as additional quality product often commanded premium price levels. Light type fowl were sufficient for current needs.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on all sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents higher on extra large and medium; unchanged to 5 cents higher on large. Prices paid to producers in New England were 1 cent higher on extra large through medium and unchanged on the remainder of sizes. The market tone was firm. Demand continued fair to good, best where features were present or planned for next week. Supplies were close to tight for current needs with increased product movement due to the export business. Breaking stock demand was irregular for short to adequate offerings. Light type fowl were fully sufficient.

NEW YORK Prices were one cent higher on all sizes. The market tone was firm. Demand continued fair to good, best where specials were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies ranged from close to tight with the export business increasing product movement.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago increased 13 cents for the larger sizes, 12 cents for mediums and were unchanged for smalls. Prices in all other areas were unchanged. Prices reflect changes from the previous Tuesday's reported prices. The trade sentiment was firm. Cartoned egg demand was good to at times very good with the best interest still coming from feature activity. Loose egg movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in close balance for all sizes with the export market providing some additional product demand. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were sharply higher compared to Tuesday's prices. Offerings of additional heavy nest runs were tight to adequate with many sellers holding with confidence. Those buyers with immediate needs were paying higher prices. Many loads of gradeable product were being moved into the higher priced graded market. Floor stocks were tight to adequate with mixed breaking schedules. Trade sentiment was firm.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes advanced 7 cents. The market tone fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate to good and best to specials that are a factor. Supplies mixed from in close balance to fully adequate.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged to slightly higher. The market tone was firm. Retail demand was fairly good entering the weekend, best for the scattered feature activity. Considerable movement through export channels continued to produce occasional difficulty covering regularly committed product. Supplies were generally tight. Prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher than the current week. Breaking stock supplies ranged short to adequate for the irregular demand. Light type fowl were sufficient for current processors' schedules.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week in California 14 cents higher on the large sizes, 11 cents higher on medium and small; in the Northwest 13 cents higher on the large sizes, 14 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand good to cover features, moderate elsewhere. Offerings light and held for top dollar.

PRICES TO RETAILERS - SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	95-105	85-98	59-70
New York	71-73	68-71	62-65
Philadelphia	55-71	53-69	47-62

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	42-43
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	55-68	52-66	45-59

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	59-64	58-63	52-57
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	37-42
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	40-47

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	63-65	57-60	49-53
Southern California(Grade AA)(4)	83	76	73
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	67-79	66-73	63-69
(1) - Prices Reported Weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice Prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices To Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was very firm with asking prices for next week 14 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 11 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light and firmly held. Small invoice price 53. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- jumbo dozen 99, extra large dozen 69-89, 20 pack 149, large dozen 79-99, medium dozen 79.

CALIFORNIA

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	96
EXTRA LARGE	83
LARGE	76
MEDIUM	73

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	83-93
EXTRA LARGE	67-79
LARGE	66-73
MEDIUM	63-69

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	229-289
EXTRA LARGE	219-279
LARGE	199-209
MEDIUM	187-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices were sharply higher. Offerings of additional heavy nest runs were tight to adequate with many sellers holding product with confidence. Breakers in immediate need of fill-in nest runs were paying higher prices. A few breakers were reducing schedules for next week as current revenues for finished product make it difficult to receive needed values in relation to shell egg costs. Many loads of gradeable product were being diverted into the more attractively priced graded market. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules were mixed. Trade sentiment firm.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED,
30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT,
DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	36-40	36-38
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-24	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were sharply higher when compared to early week trading. Demand was irregular as offering ranged from short to adequate from regular suppliers. The undertone was mixed but generally firm. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 29, 2000 were 5 % less than the previous week and 4 % less than a year ago.

PRICES MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT,
48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS,
CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-39	35-36
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	

EASTERN REGION AREA:

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 29-Jan-00
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,128,811	25,377	11,066	6,038	3,177	3,667
PW	1,149,555	25,566	11,777	6,403	3,523	3,821
LY	1,010,696	22,430	10,682	5,833	2,254	3,161
% PW	-2	-1	-6	-6	-10	-4
% LY	12	13	4	4	41	16
2000	4,593,578	103,574	45,877	25,497	12,554	15,329
1999	4,114,383	93,118	39,764	22,655	10,590	13,156

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.38	41.81	41.10

NATIONAL LIQUID EGGS Pasteurized whites reported at 32 cents fob with no pasteurized salt yolk reported. Additional offerings of whole egg were adequate, offerings of whites continued tight to about adequate, and yolk offerings were adequate to fully adequate with some improved interest noted. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and whites and mostly steady to instances fully steady for yolk. Raw costs were creating problems with conversion and asking prices for next week were higher for whole egg and whites. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 04 February, 2000 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG. LAST WEEK	CHANGE FROM	CLASS
21-34	28.50	6.66	WHITES	26
30.24	1.13	YOLKS	7	28-32
			30-32.5	31.21

EASTERN REGION FROZEN EGGS Prices were irregular but generally unchanged to higher. Trading was cautious as orders develop on higher cost of breaking stock. The undertone was firm on whites, fully steady to firm on whole, and about steady on yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending January 29, 2000 were 12% less than last week, and 10% less than a year ago. Shell egg supplies were about adequate to adequate for current trade needs. WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	(MIN. 25 CONT.) MOSTLY	LTL RANGE
WHOLE	36-42	38-42	45-52
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		52-59
WHITES	36-44	38-43	44-54
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	47-56	47-49	54-63
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-51	44-46	53-63

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN EGGS All frozen prices ranged unchanged to mostly higher. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for frozen whole egg and whites and steady to fully steady for yolk. Asking prices for next week were considerably higher for whole and whites with many sellers holding product with increased confidence. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate for current needs.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	TRUCKLOTS RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	36-42	40-42
WHITES	39-43	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	47-56	47-49
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	44-51	44-46

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN EGGS Prices 3 cents higher on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/29 was 4% less than the previous week. Breaking stock adequate. Frozen demand fair and freezer stocks adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	45-48
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	52-55
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	49-52

NATIONAL DRIED EGG Mostly prices on whole were unchanged to higher, yolks and blends unchanged, and albumen higher when compared to a week earlier. The undertone was mixed and reported as mostly steady on yolks and blends but generally fully steady to firm on whole and whites. New trading was only at best fair but plants were busy from prior orders. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending January 29, 2000 were 10% less than the previous week, and 41% more than the same week a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.42-1.70	MOSTLY 1.45-1.50
YOLKS	1.20-1.35	MOSTLY 1.20-1.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.95-3.25	MOSTLY 3.05-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.15-1.25	MOSTLY 1.15-1.20

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JAN 28 - FEB 03, 2000

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS							
SE				NE				MW				SC			
CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	—	38.00	1.00	GNR W 1	41.92	53.54	130.00	GNR W 1	—	48.55	68.00	GNR W 2	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	—	33.75	9.00	GNR W 2	—	33.00	10.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	GNR W 3	—	—	8.00
GNR W 2	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	—	1.00	GNR W 3	—	—	—	GNR W 4	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	1.00	GNR W 4	—	—	—	GNR BR XL	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	1.00	GNR BR XL	—	—	1.00	GNR BR XL	—	—	—	GL W J	—	—	1.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	GL W XL	43.00	45.25	13.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	48.00	45.38	16.75	GL W XL	48.00	43.17	42.00	GL W LG	—	48.09	30.25
GL W J	—	—	1.00	GL W LG	48.00	43.17	25.25	GL W LG	—	33.00	7.00	GL W MD	29.50	—	14.00
GL W XL	48.00	45.38	16.75	GL W MD	—	33.00	7.00	GL W MD	—	33.00	7.00	NRBS - 48	—	32.67	3.00
GL W LG	48.00	43.17	42.00	GL W SM	20.25	21.75	7.00	GL W SM	20.25	21.75	7.00				
GL W MD	—	33.00	25.25	GL BR XL	—	68.00	1.25	GL BR XL	—	68.00	1.25				
GL W SM	20.25	21.75	7.00	GL BR LG	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	.50				
GL BR XL	—	68.00	1.25	NRBS - 50	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 50	—	—	1.00				
GL BR LG	—	—	.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	9.50	NRBS - 48	—	—	9.50				
NRBS - 50	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	3.00	NRBS - 42	—	—	3.00				
NRBS - 48	—	—	9.50	NRBS - 39	—	—	4.00	NRBS - 39	—	—	4.00				
NRBS - 42	—	—	3.00												
NRBS - 39	—	—	4.00												

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS.

THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS

CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate for usually adequate offerings. Some flocks were reported as being put on a two week hold. However, processing schedules were reported as being normal for next week. Undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand for light hens was moderate for adequate offerings from production areas. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was mixed.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices continued unchanged. Demand was moderate for the fully adequate to ample offerings. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

LIVE HENS

Prices paid for live hens (trucklot) cents/pounds at farm.

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0-5	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading		
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT		

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Feb-00
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A
LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED
STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	63.65	61.28	55.32
SOUTHERN	55.65	53.52	46.50
MIDWEST	48.90	47.66	42.14
WESTERN	84.40	77.85	62.38
TWELVE METRO AREAS	67.04	63.42	53.95
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority trading on heavy canners were higher, and mostly unchanged to slightly higher on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally good for limited offerings of heavies, and usually moderate for light canners. The undertone was fully steady to firm on heavies and generally steady on lights.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-27 MAJORITY	32.75-39 MAJORITY
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	36.5-39
LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
26-30 MAJORITY	26-28
33-41 MAJORITY	37.5-40

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-JAN-00

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,030	1,229	3,259
LAST WEEK	2,149	1,283	3,432
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,408	1,211	3,619
TO-DATE/2000	6,186	4,138	10,324
TO-DATE/1999	6,796	4,071	10,867

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	663	0	663
LAST WEEK	432	0	432
SAME WEEK YR AGO	475	14	489
TO-DATE/2000	1,524	0	1,524
TO-DATE/1999	1,390	14	1,404

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,693	1,229	3,922
LAST WEEK	2,581	1,283	3,864
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,883	1,225	4,108
TO-DATE/1999	7,710	4,138	11,848
TO-DATE/1998	8,186	4,085	12,271

(MORE INFORMATION ON PAGE 5)

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)
***SEE PAGE FIVE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK'S REPORT**

Week Ending January 15, 2000		Year-To-Date	
(000)		(000)	
Type	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Liquid	256	246	307 579
Frozen	0	0	0 6
Dried	0	0	0 0
Total	256	246	307 585

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Week Ending January 15, 2000		Year-To-Date	
(000)		(000)	
Type	2000	1999 /1	2000 1999
Liquid	80	41	159 80
Frozen	1	19	7 19
Dried	82	0	82 0
Total	163	60	248 99

Inspected Shell Eggs
U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending January 15, 2000		Year-To-Date	
2000		2000 1999	
	1999 /1		
Jumbo	0	0	13 0
Extra Large	0	750	303 750
Large	2,350	1,550	5,280 2,754
Medium	0	0	360 0
Ungraded	2,310	11,370	4,620 22,259
Misc	0	0	750 0
Total	4,660	13,670	11,326 25,763

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE.

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-54	42-48	40-45	34-39	25-29

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS).

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
39-41	34-36	15-17

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM

JUMBO	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	85-88	78-81	50-53	16-19

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS FEDERAL-STATE
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 31-Jan-00	4,872	94,070	72,932
AM 1-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
CHG	584	29,023	-2,230
PCT CHG	14	45	-3

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-Jan-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	30.6	29.8	3	0
BOSTON	3.6	3.4	6	-58
CHICAGO	57.0	41.3	38	52
DETROIT	24.0	30.5	-21	-19
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	93.8	94.7	-1	18
NEW ORLEANS	10.9	10.4	5	-22
NEW YORK	39.9	38.0	5	-1
ST. LOUIS	16.6	14.2	17	32
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0	20.7	6	4
TOTAL	298.5	283.1	5	9
4 WK MVG AVG	293.3			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 29-Jan-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	232.1	-4	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	481.8	0	21
W.N. CENTRAL	244.6	1	17
S. ATLANTIC	194.4	1	2
S. CENTRAL	71.5	-1	-9
WEST	199.2	4	-10
TOTAL	1423.6	0	6

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 93 93

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, FEBRUARY 01, 2000.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	109	99	73	44
	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	102-106	92-96	66-70	37-41
	104-105	94-95	68-69	39-40
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	105-109	95-99	69-73	40-44
	105	95	69	40
VERMONT MOSTLY	110-112	100-102	75-76	-
	112	102	76	-

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LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 29-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,083	1,222	3,305
LAST WEEK	2,030	1,229	3,259
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,287	1,378	3,665
TO-DATE/2000	8,269	5,360	13,629
TO-DATE/1999	9,083	5,449	14,532

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	643	0	643
LAST WEEK	663	0	663
SAME WEEK YR AGO	588	20	608
TO-DATE/2000	2,167	0	2,167
TO-DATE/1999	1,978	34	2,012

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,726	1,222	3,948
LAST WEEK	2,693	1,229	3,922
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,875	1,398	4,273
TO-DATE/2000	10,436	5,360	15,796
TO-DATE/1999	11,061	5,483	16,544

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Up 12 Percent Shell eggs broken totaled 159 million dozen during December 1999, up 12 percent from December a year ago. Regional percentage changes were: North Atlantic, down 5; North Central, up 22; South Atlantic, down 35, South Central, up 8; and Western, up 11. December 1999 contained 23 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, the same as December 1998. In 1999, both Christmas eve and New Year's eve were on Fridays. Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service. The best available data at time of publication was used.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending January 08, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	51	333	51	333
Frozen	0	6	0	6
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	51	339	51	339

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Type	Week Ending January 08, 2000 (000)		Year-To-Date (000)	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Liquid	79	39	79	39
Frozen	6	0	6	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	85	39	85	39

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending January 08, 2000		Year-To-Date	
	2000	1999 /1	2000	1999
Jumbo	13	0	13	0
Extra Large	303	0	303	0
Large	2,930	1,204	2,930	1,204
Medium	360	0	360	0
Ungraded	2,310	10,889	2,310	10,889
Misc	750	0	750	0
Total	6,666	12,093	6,666	12,093

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.